

February 21, 2024

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

BOARD-IN PERSON WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM

Commissioners Present in person: Dutcher, Finley, Loeffler, and O'Farrell.

Absent: Huebel.

Vacant: None.

Also Present: Nancy Huebel, County Clerk/Assistant Controller; Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director; Scott Frank, County Sheriff; Mike Eller, Director of Emergency Services; Raymond Bruning II, EMS Operations Manager; Cathy Anderson, County Treasurer; Tim Hissong, Press

Meeting called to order after immediately following the Full Board meeting.

New Business:

Brian Loeffler, Commissioner District 4 – Oppose the Legislature's Passage of Legislation that Takes Away Local Control and Support the Statewide Ballot Initiative "Citizens Choice"

Huron County passes a resolution regarding this issue that was started in Lenawee County. There is a petition from "Citizens Choice" to have this issue place on the ballot in November. This group is not opposed to clean energy. However, they want the local units of government to have control of what developments are allowed in their jurisdictions and where they can and cannot go. Loeffler would like to take to the full board a resolution opposing the legislature's passage of legislation that takes control away from local units of government and hands that control over to the state and Dutcher seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

County Administrator's Report: Nancy Huebel, County Clerk and Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director

N. Huebel

- The pre-audit meeting was yesterday. The official audit will start April 8th and last two weeks.

- They are working on the bid specifications for the County Building roof project. They will need to go on the roof to determine how many layers of shingles there are for the tear off process.
- 9 days of early voting has started and will end this Sunday. Currently, there has only been 62 voters.

Carruthers-Soboleski

- Carruthers-Soboleski is planning on attending a virtual meeting on the 23rd with Alpena to talk about the materials maintenance plan.
- Carruthers-Soboleski and Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director, spoke with MSHDA to make sure that the Housing Commission has all of the information needed to select applicants. The first round of funding will start on March 12th.

Any Other Matters:

Cathy Anderson, County Treasurer – Thanks the Commissioners and the voters for passing the millage. Anderson and her Deputy County Treasurer was able to go to a Treasurers’ Conference for the first time in the 29 years that she worked in the department.

Public Comments:

None.

Claims and Accounts: Bills reviewed and approved by Finley, Dutcher, and O’Farrell in the amount of \$234,455.77.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully:

Kathleen Murphy
Board Secretary/Housing Director

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR March 6, 2024